

At Scrutton & Campbell,  
West India Dock Road,

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Dear Sir

Yours of this day  
has just to hand.

I thank you from my  
heart for your very  
kind and encouraging letter,  
for, though your inability  
to serve me as I desired  
caused me the keenest  
disappointment, yet the  
manner in which you  
expressed that inability  
as well as your kind  
advice makes me feel  
deeply grateful to you.



but still looking out for "a chance  
for America". But I ought perhaps  
to mention that I have one great  
disadvantage and that is a slight  
deformity in the shape of a slight  
cast of the eye tho' I think it is  
scarcely perceptible, but otherwise I  
am strong and well made. The latter  
part of the last sentence I mention because  
you seem to think that I have no  
thought beyond the pen, I am ready  
to do anything, however menial, if I  
have a chance of getting on and hard  
work would not trouble me much.  
I must get on, and so with that  
determination nothing ought to stop me.  
You said you belonged to no religious  
denomination, excuse my boldness, but  
I am sorry to hear it, tho' of course  
you can be a Christian without joining  
any particular denomination, yet when  
I read that part of your letter first  
the sense conveyed to me by the expression  
was that you did not care for them, but  
of course I may be mistaken. I address  
this to the care of the National <sup>Imperative</sup> League  
as I know they intend having you at  
their meeting. Trusting you will excuse  
this long letter & the trouble I have  
given you & that you will accept my sincere  
gratitude & thanks for your friendly <sup>I am</sup> letter. Yours affectionately  
R. J. Ferguson



It is with no view of  
renewing my request that  
I write you, it is merely  
to express my sense of  
your kindness in troubling  
about me at all.

Thanks are but poor  
returns for your kindness  
yet they are honest-hearted  
thanks. I have only  
one request to make &  
that is "If you meet  
with anything in America  
that you think would  
suit & that there will  
be time to send for  
me, don't forget that  
I am always ready"; for  
I return taking your  
advice for the present,  
& stick to my present  
birth